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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) Multifunction plate for a surface cleaner, comprising a plate of a rectangular shape, provided with an interchangeable gripping and manipulating means, as well as with means for securing pieces of textile, characterised in that said interchangeable gripping and manipulating means, between a broom-stick or a holding handle and a central rod connected to the plate, are ~~interchangeable~~, and capable of clipping or snap fastening the broom stick or handle, and in that there are a plurality of means for fixing different types of pieces of textile to the plate, said fixing means being at least one of the following:

[[ - ]] on a lower base of the plate, plane portions for self-gripping strips;

[[ - ]] on an upper face of the plate, at least clamping mechanisms co-operating with windows or cavities in the plate to hold the types of pieces of textile having turned-back edges, and holes suitable for press stud systems for fixing clips.

2. (Previously presented) Multifunction plate according to claim 1, characterised in that the interchangeable gripping and manipulating means include a joint pivoting on the rod, wherein the joint is equipped with two flexible strips for detaching the stick or the handle from the plate.

3. (Previously presented) Multifunction plate according to claim 2, characterised in that the strips bear toes capable of sliding in positioning guides that form part of a sleeve for supporting the broom-stick or the handle.